

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Technical Surveillance Countermeasures  
Committee paper "Telephone Security,"  
January 1969

1. The aggressive use by hostile intelligence services of audio surveillance against U.S. installations has been well documented. In the course of combating such activities, it has become abundantly clear that telephone instruments and systems are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and have often been used to penetrate sensitive targets.

2. The Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee recognizes that it is vitally important to protect telephone equipment located in areas where classified information is discussed. With this in mind, the attached draft entitled "Telephone Security" has been prepared to provide information and guidance to U.S. government agencies on measures which can be taken to prevent eavesdropping through the use of telephone equipment.

3. This draft is forwarded for the information of the USIB. It is recommended that the Board note the attached draft and authorize that it be given wide dissemination within the intelligence community and where appropriate to other departments and agencies.



Chairman